## VZV ORF29P PROTEIN-RELATED COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

## Abstract of the Disclosure

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The present invention provides compositions of matter comprising 29p protein having bound thereto an agent whose delivery into a eukaryotic cell is desired. The present invention also provides a monoclonal antibody which specifically binds to 29p protein. The present invention further provides methods for delivering an agent into a eukaryotic cell, and methods for causing a eukaryotic cell to secrete a desired protein in the form of a fusion The present invention further provides 29p protein-containing pharmaceutical compositions. The present invention still further provides nucleic acid molecules which hybridize to at least a portion of a nucleic acid molecule encoding 29p protein. Finally, the present invention provides methods for detecting the presence of, and quantitatively determining the amount of, a 29p protein-encoding nucleic acid molecule in a sample.